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Newsletter

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Dean's Message



Dear Library Friends,

I hope you and your families are safe and in good health. This spring has been a defining moment for this generation, and I would like to let you know how the FSU Libraries are helping our students and faculty during this pandemic.

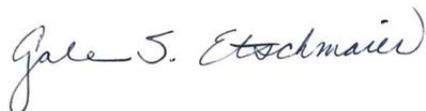
On March 11, FSU announced that all classes would transition to online learning effective March 23. The Libraries used the FSU Spring Break (March 14–22) as a planning and preparation period to increase custodial cleaning services, plan for social distancing, and install additional hand sanitizer and cleaning wipes stations. On March 18, we made the very difficult decision to close the Libraries buildings to the public. Libraries are usually places of refuge and centers of community but, with the increasing warnings about public health risks, we understood that the physical Libraries could not remain open to the FSU community and offer sufficient protection.

Although the Libraries' buildings are closed to the public, we are actively contributing to student learning and faculty research through our many online platforms. Most of the Libraries faculty and staff are telecommuting and providing our services online. We have a small number of staff who are physically in the buildings providing additional essential services. Libraries staff distributed loaner laptops to students who need devices in order to complete their classes. We are not able to deliver physical books to students and faculty through Interlibrary Loan (ILL) or from our collections due to the possibility of contamination, but we are actively working with other university libraries and publishers to make more resources available electronically. We are also continuing to support our part-time staff through remote work projects.

The faculty and staff in our Libraries are providing online reference services through our Ask-a-Librarian service seven days each week and our faculty are actively teaching online using Zoom software. We are working with faculty to offer low and no-cost course materials, a service of increasing importance at this time. Of course, we also provide a rich array of online books, journals, and media materials for our community and we are working with other library partners to provide scanned articles and chapters of books from other collections.

Please know that, although our buildings are closed, we are here for our students and faculty! I wish you good health and safety during this time of isolation and look forward to having visitors at the Libraries again.

Best,



Giving Opportunities

FSU's Great Give - Support Our Students

TUESDAY, APRIL 7 - 24-HOUR GIVING CAMPAIGN

This 24-hour online giving campaign is devoted solely to removing barriers so all FSU students continue to receive the highest quality education. The FSU community is asking you to support our student emergency funds, which quickly addresses a variety of our students' needs—from food insecurity and medical bills to technology and housing assistance. **Mark your calendars or give today!**



Library Development Fund



FSU Heritage Fund



Textbook Fund



Special Collections

Florida State University Civil Rights Institute

Special Collections & Archives

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHT: COOKBOOKS AND HERBALS

An interest in cookbooks and household management is a legacy from FSU's earliest years as a women's college. Cookbooks are held in our Rare Book, Florida and Scottish collections. The oldest in our cookbook collection is from 1622 Venice. [Below is a page from the 1622 cookbook!](#)



To learn more about the Cookbooks and Herbals collection, [view it here](#).

Did you know our Special Collections and Archives can be accessed online?

Through DigiNole, the Florida State University Digital Library, we **provide online access to thousands** of unique manuscripts, photographs, pamphlets, rare books, historic maps and other materials from across the FSU campus libraries and beyond.

Our goal is to **support active learning and engagement** by providing ample opportunities for discovery and scholarship. In order to achieve this goal, our digital library is constantly adding new resources.

To access all collections available on DigiNole, [visit our website](#).

The Fogg Charitable Trust



In December, *University Libraries* received two generous gifts from the Edward C. Fogg, III and Lisbeth A. Fogg Charitable Trust to support faculty research grants and renovations of the tutoring space in Strozier Library. The Faculty Research Grant Fund offers competitive mini-grants to faculty for the purchase of books, manuscripts, and other library materials needed for their research. The materials, which are often costly or hard-to-find, become part of the Libraries' collections for use by future scholars. This program is designed to fortify the Libraries' general collections and to give faculty a means for acquiring relatively obscure materials not generally available in libraries. In doing so, faculty help curate the collection.

Later this year, we plan to relocate the tutoring area into an enclosed room, creating a dedicated tutoring space in the evenings and nights, and a modern pedagogical teaching studio in the daytime. Funding to support tutoring space renovations builds on support the Libraries received from the Fogg Trust last year. We are so grateful for the Fogg Trust's continued support!

If you are interested in supporting either of these initiatives, please contact Robyn Bertram at rbertram@foundation.fsu.edu or (850) 228-3283.

Spring Highlights

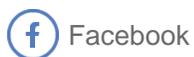


(Top Left) FSU Libraries and the Heritage & University Archives tabled to celebrate Florida State University's academic and athletic achievements at FSU Day at the Capitol. This event gives an opportunity to share with lawmakers, alumni, and friends how the Libraries contribute to the university and community.

(Top Right) Faculty, staff, and students attend FSU Authors Day on February 18. This annual event celebrates FSU faculty who have published in the last year.

(Bottom) Keynote speaker David Ryan Polgar engaged the audience during the Critical Thinking Symposium in late February. Events and panel discussions were held over three days to discuss the topic of Digital Citizenship & Society. Polgar is a tech ethicist who discusses issues involving social media, privacy, ethical design, digital wellbeing and what it means to be human in the digital age.

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